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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No. 10/660,810First Named Applicant: Gerrard, PeterExaminer: Christian RendonArt Unit: 3714Status of Application: PendingDocket No: 112300-1633

Tentative Participants:

(1) Adam Masia (2) Patricia ChidiacProposed Date of Interview (TENTATIVE): August 26, 2009 Proposed Time: 11 AM Eastern Time

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Claypole, Lemay, Vancura</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Claypole discloses a persistence-type bonus game having a plurality of trails, wherein a player progresses through one or more of the trails over plays of a base game. Lemay discloses a bonus game which involves movement among an ordered plurality of positions leading to an ultimate bonus award. In one embodiment, once the bonus game is initiated, a marker moves along the positions until it lands on the ultimate bonus award, an intermediate bonus position, or a bust position. Vancura discloses a gaming device which offers a player a plurality of objects that the player chooses from, one at a time, until the game ends. The game may end randomly after each object is chosen. The Office Action states it would have been obvious to modify Claypole and Lemay to include randomly determining when to end the play of the game (as allegedly taught by Vancura) to achieve a gaming device with a feature that increases suspense. However, we do not understand why it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Claypole and Lemay to include randomly determining when to end the play of the game as a way to increase the level of suspense in the game. Moreover, unlike proposed amended independent Claim 1, Claypole, Lemay, and Vancura, either alone or in combination, do not disclose a plurality of instructions which when executed by the at least one processor cause the at least one processor, for a single play of a game, to: if it is randomly determined not to end the single play of the game: (A) reset the indicators in the award groups associated with the awards provided to the player in the single play of the game, and (B) after resetting the indicators in the award groups associated with the awards provided to the player in the single play of the game, provide the player with at least one opportunity to win at least one additional award for accumulating all of the indicators in at least one of the award groups, including any award groups associated with any awards previously provided to the player in the single play of the game, by repeating (b) to (c) until it is determined to end the single play of the game without requiring any additional wager by the player. Applicants are open to discuss clarifying claim amendments, such as the attached, during the interview.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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